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IN RE APPLICATION OF: Salva NISHIMU

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FOR:

CHOLINE MONOOXYGENASE GENE

ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS WASHINGTON, D.C. 20231

SIR:

Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application.

- No additional fee is required
- Small entity status of this application under 37 C.F.R. §1.9 and §1.27 is claimed.
- Additional documents filed herewith:

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The Fee has been calculated as shown below:

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AMENDMENT AND REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION

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SIR:

In response to the Official Action dated December 5, 2001, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration in light of the following amendments and remarks.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as shown in the attached marked-up copy to read as follows:

- 1. (Amended) A recombinant protein (a) or (b):
- (a) a protein comprising the amino acid sequence shown in SEQ ID NO:2, 4 or 6; or
- (b) a protein which is encoded by a DNA which hybridizes under stringent conditions to a DNA comprising SEQ ID NO:1, 3 or 5, and which has choline monooxygenase activity.

2. (Amended) A choline monooxygenase gene encoding a protein comprising the amino acid sequence shown in SEQ ID NO:2, 4 or 6.

- 7. (Amended) A peptide (e) or (f):
- (e) a peptide comprising the amino acid sequence shown in SEQ ID NO:17; or



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